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TOPIC -----

Some of my group's Apple II software applications run in color on the Apple IIGS and look terrible. (Most of the programs with the problem are written in BASIC.) Is there a routine or call for putting the Apple IIGS into monochrome mode?

DISCUSSION ------

What monitor are you using? The AppleColor Composite Monitor (A2M6020) or the AppleColor RGB Monitor (A2M6014)?

AppleColor Composite Monitor

There is a switch behind the front access door that turns the Composite Monitor to a green character on black background display. This will help the displayed image to appear more clearly.

Additionally, the Apple IIGS Control Panel has the Monitor CDEV for selecting color or monochrome monitor. This may help if you're using the Composite Monitor in the single-color mode. This setting affects only the composite output of the Apple IIGS. This is the only method we know for setting the Apple IIGS to monochrome mode.

AppleColor RGB Monitor

There are certain issues that affect the display on the RGB Monitor's graphics page. If the graphic images are not placed on even nibble boundaries, there will be color bleed that many consider unacceptable. On the RGB Monitor, the only solution is to rewrite the programs, with the even nibble boundary issue in mind.

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